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ESTATE GROWN & BOTTLED | DUNNIGAN HILLS

# THE HERDSMAN

2023 GRAVEL PIT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## *The Wine*

The Herdsman Gravel Pit Cabernet Sauvignon is as much about texture and character as it is about bold flavor. This single-site, 100% varietal Cab received what we call the spa treatment in the cellar—fermented in micro eggs and submerged-cap fermenters—to dial up the aromatics and let the fruit shine. The result is a wine that's layered and intriguing. Right out of the glass, the aromas pull you in: pipe tobacco, leather, and a whisper of classic cigar lounge. On the palate, it's smooth and rounded, offering that old-world balance—full of flavor, yet never heavy. Flavors of dark chocolate truffles and a hint of green pepper weave together with firm but well-tamed tannins. The texture is soft and silky, making each sip complex, savory, and deeply satisfying.

## *The Story*

The winged sheep icon is an homage to the Giguere family ranching tradition that launched their life of farming in the Dunnigan Hills. There is a long tradition of ranching in the Dunnigan Hills. The sheep farmers valued the open expanse of grasslands on gravelly soils where grazing was plentiful. And the Giguere family has been tied to that tradition since 1852. Now the sixth generation is creating their own tradition, using sheep not for wool or food but to improve the health of the soil, the health of the vines and the quality of the grapes.



## *Appellation*

Dunnigan Hills, Estate Bottled

## *Vineyards*

100% Matchbook, Estate Grown

## *Blend*

78% Cabernet Sauvignon

13% Petit Verdot

9% Petite Sirah

## *TA* *pH*

5.82 g/L

3.75

## *Alcohol*

13.9%

## *Production*

8,436 cases



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